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# Michael Refalo

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**Michael Refalo** (25 February 1936 – 3 February 2015) was a Maltese politician and diplomat. Refalo was a member of the [Nationalist Party](#). He served in the [House of Representatives](#) between 1971 and 2003 and served terms first as parliamentary secretary and later as Minister for Tourism. Refalo was High Commissioner of Malta to the United Kingdom between 2005 and October 2008. He also served as editor of the newspaper *Il-Mument* from 1972 to 1980.

## Career    [edit source]

Refalo was born in [Sliema](#) on 25 February 1936.<sup>[1]</sup> He went to [St Aloysius' College](#). Refalo became a lawyer in 1961.<sup>[2]</sup>





In the [1962](#) and [1966 elections](#) he was a candidate for the [House of Representatives](#) of Malta for the [Nationalist Party](#), but both times he was not elected. In the [1971 election](#) he was elected to the House. He was re-elected in every election until the 2003 election, serving a total of 33 years.<sup>[2]</sup>














In 1987 he was made parliamentary secretary for Tourism, he was reappointed to the function in 1992. During his term in office he made the goal of Malta obtaining one million tourists annually. In 1995 he was made Minister for Justice and Culture, and three years later he was appointed Minister for Tourism and Culture. Refalo was High Commissioner of Malta to the United Kingdom between 2005 and October 2008.<sup>[2]</sup>

He was editor of the newspaper *Il-Mument* between 1972 and 1980.<sup>[2]</sup>

Refalo was made a Companion in the [National Order of Merit](#) in 2007.<sup>[3]</sup> Refalo died on 3 February 2015 in Sliema, aged 78.<sup>[2]</sup>

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